

**OUTREACH NOTICE
USDA Forest Service**

Boise National Forest

Duty Station-Lucky Peak Nursery, Boise, ID

Position Title-Biological Science Technician (Plants)

GS-0404-5

Reply Due: July 8, 2013

The Lucky Peak Nursery (LPN) of the Boise National Forest will be filling one Biological Science Technician (Plants) position. This will be a permanent full-time appointment. The purpose of this Notice is to provide information prior to advertising the position to determine if there are any interested and qualified individuals. This position will be advertised on www.usajobs.gov.

If you are interested in this position, please return the enclosed Outreach Notice form to:

Clark D. Fleege, Nursery Manager
Lucky Peak Nursery
15169 E. Hwy 21
Boise, ID 83716

Phone: 208-343-1977
Fax: 208-389-1416
Email: cfleege@fs.fed.us

About the Position

Series/Grade: GS-0404-05

Title: Biological Science Technician (Plants)

Location: Boise, ID

Tour of Duty: Permanent, full-time

Housing: No government quarters are available

Duties: This position is located on a Forest Service nursery unit. The position provides technical assistance to professional and technical nursery/tree improvement personnel by accomplishing biological support work. The incumbent is responsible for performing a variety of recurring and complex duties in support nursery work.

Serves as a crew member, or works independently in preparing and maintaining plant production fields. This includes but is not limited to preparing and maintaining irrigation systems, and maintaining a weed control program.

Performs various types of laboratory, field and greenhouse work; including pollen and seed cleaning, stratification, sowing, media preparation, fertilizer preparation and application, chemical analyses, or inoculation studies, and maintains accurate records.

Serve as crew member, or works independently making examinations and inventories of trees, seedlings and other plants. Following prescribed guidelines, records disease and insect status and plant condition information, such as severity of damage, vigor, age, height, diameter, site, and exposure.

The work requires physical exertion, and is considered as “field work.” This means it has risks and discomforts from such as lifting, use of hand tools, inclement weather, extremes in temperature, bending, and walking.

About the Lucky Peak Nursery

The LPN, a unit of the Boise National Forest, is the seedling production and seed processing facility for the Intermountain Region of the USDA Forest Service. The LPN was established in 1959 to meet the reforestation needs of the National Forests and other governmental agencies (e.g. BLM, IDFG) in southern Idaho, Utah, Nevada and western Wyoming. Annually, the LPN produces over three million tree seedlings (equal mix of bareroot and greenhouse-grown), as well as processes over 3000 pounds of native forb and grass seed. The LPN is located approximately 15 miles north of Boise, on SH 21.

About Boise

LOCATION: Boise (population: 220,000)

CLIMATE:

Elevation	3100 ft
Annual Average Temperature	51 F
Annual Mean Rainfall	12.11
January Average	22-36 F
July Average	58-90 F

EDUCATION:

Public Schools:	Elementary	34	Junior High	9
	High Schools	5	Boise State University	1

See <http://www.boiseschools.org/>, <http://www.meridianschools.org/>, and <http://www.idbsu.edu/> for more information. Private schools and charter schools are also available. See websites below.

DAY CARE: Multiple day care facilities available. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/childcare/index.html> for more information

MEDICAL FACILITIES: St. Lukes Regional Medical Center, St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, Boise VA Medical Center. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/hospital/index.html>, for more information

CHURCHES: Large number of churches, many denominations. See <http://www.thecityofboise.com/church/index.html> for more information.

TRANSPORTATION: Boise Airport, Valley Ride bus service.

REAL ESTATE INFORMATION: There are many home developments within the commuting area of Boise and the out lying areas of Eagle, Meridian, Star, Marsing, Kuna, Caldwell, Nampa etc. Below is the multiple listing for the greater Boise area. You can also find many Brokerage Firms or Real Estate Companies on the internet.

<http://www.mlslistingsonline.com/site/site.aspx?qZC=83713&qCity=Boise&qState=ID>

COMMUNITY AMENITIES

Boise Attractions: Boise City Zoo, Boise River Greenbelt; Idaho Botanical Garden; Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area and Ski Resort, World Center Birds of Prey

Sports Teams: BSU Broncos (college football), Hawks (minor league baseball), Idaho Steelheads (ECHL), Idaho Stampede (NBA D League)

Historic Sites and Museums: Old Idaho State Penitentiary, Basque Museum & Cultural Center, Boise Art Museum, Boise Train Depot, Idaho Black History Museum, Idaho Historical Museum, Idaho Military History Museum, Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology

Local Festivals: Art in the Park; Art and Roses; Aviation Festival; Bald Eagle Days; City Harvest; Gene Harris Jazz Festival; Idaho International Film Festival; Idaho Shakespeare Festival; Soul Food Extravaganza; True West Cinema Festival; Western Idaho Fair

Community Event Centers: Bank of America Center, Boise State Pavilion and Bronco Stadium, Idaho Center.

WEBSITES TO VISIT THE BOISE AREA

<http://www.cityofboise.org/>

<http://www.thecityofboise.com/>

<http://www.city-data.com/>

<http://www.epodunk.com/>

About Idaho City

Idaho City is located approximately 15 miles of the Lucky Peak Nursery. It is a quaint, historic mountain community of approximately 500, and is the county seat of Boise

County with tourism and timber as the primary industries. Idaho City has limited services and offers the following on a year round basis: groceries, fuel service station, restaurants and many small shops along Main Street with preserved historic buildings from the mining era of the 1860's. Two Laundromats, two motels, a medical clinic, and a post office round off the amenities. Public services include the Basin District public school (K-12) with approximately 300 students, the Senior Center, Boise County Public Offices, Sheriff's Office, Boise Basin Library, and the Idaho City Volunteer Fire Department. Churches include the Idaho City Christian Center, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, and the First Baptist Church of Boise Basin. Housing is available in Idaho City and in numerous rural subdivisions between Idaho City and Boise off of Highway 21. Housing prices begin in the lower \$100,000 price range. Rentals are scarce.

Elevations range from 3200 to 8800 feet. The climate is generally dry with plentiful sunshine year around. Annual precipitation in Idaho City is approximately 15 inches, with most of it occurring as snowfall. Winter temperatures range from a high of 35-40 degrees F, to lows just above zero. Summer temperatures range from a high of 80's to the upper 90's, to lows in the 40's.

OUTREACH NOTICE FORM
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Reply to Clark D. Fleege (cfleege@fs.fed.us)

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____USFS _____BLM _____OTHER

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____PERMANENT _____TEMPORARY _____TERM
_____VRA _____PWD _____OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL)
EMPLOYEE, ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- _____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- _____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- _____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- _____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- _____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- _____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
- _____ OTHER _____

Thank you for your interest in our Vacancy.